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SUBJECT: GENERAL ZIA'S VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA PROVOKES EFFUSIVE
PAKISTANI PRESS PLAY

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1. MFA DIRECTOR FOR AFRICAN AND ASIAN AFFAIRS AHMED SIRAJ
TOLD POL COUN APRIL 30 THAT VISIT OF GENREAL ZIA AL-HAQ
TO SAUDI ARABIA WENT VERY WELL AND THAT SAG WAS PLEASED
WITH RESULTS. HE SAID THAT DEEPER UNDERSTANDING WAS
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ACHIEVED BETWEEN TWO GOVERNMENTS AND THAT SAG SUPPORTS
ZIA. WHEN ASKED ABOUT FATE OF ZULFICAR ALI BHUTTO, SIRAJ SAID
THIS HAD BEEN SUBJECT OF DISCUSSIONS BOTH BEFORE AND
DURING VISIT AND TAHT "EVERYTHING WILL BE ALL RIGHT."
SIRAJ SAID THAT SAG'S PRIMARY INTEREST IN PAKISTAN WAS
STABILITY AND THAT IT WAS AFRAID THAT EXECUTION OF BHUTTO
WOULD PROVOKE SEVERE REACTION LEADING TO INSTABILITY.

MILITARY GROUP IN PAKISTAN WANTS TO REMAIN IN POWER AND IT UNDERSTANDS PROBLEM WHICH EXECUTION WOULD CAUSE FOR THEM. APPEAL TO HIGH COURT WILL TAKE LONG TIME, AND, IF APPEAL FAILS, CASE WILL GO TO GENERAL ZIA FOR CONFIRMATION OR CLEMENCY. BY THIS TIME, EMOTIONS ON BOTH SIDES WILL HAVE COOLED AND GENERAL ZIA WILL BE ABLE TO DEAL WITH IT IN FASHION SO AS NOT TO PROVIKE UNREST.

2. ON QUESTION OF AID, SIRAJ SAID THAT SAG WOULD CONTINUE TO PROVIDE AID AT CURRENT LEVEL. NO NEW AID WAS DISCUSSED, BUT SAG WILL BE WILLING TO CONSIDER ANY NEW PROJECT GOP PRESENTS.

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